Scheme for the supply of piped water in Guntur villages

114. DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRI SAIFULLA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assist in the implementations of a comprehensive drinking water scheme to supply piped water to a number of villages of Guntur district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed sanction; and

(c) by when the requisite funds would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) Allocation of funds are provided to the State Government under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). As per the action plan prepared by the State Government for 1996-97, an amount of Rs. 5.50 crore has been earmarked for Guntur district, to provide safe drinking water to 181 habitations.

The proposals submitted by the State Government to provide safe drinking water to salinity affected habitations has been considered by the Central Government and the State Government has been requested to reformulate the project, keeping in view the techno-economic options and ground water characteristic.

Hundred per cent Central Assistance for Projects

115. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and schemes operating in various States and Union Territories for which hundred per cent Central assistance is provided;

(b) the funds released in this regard from 1991-92 to 1995-96, project-wise and State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether each State and Union Territory has spent such funds for the purpose for which the same were given;

(d) if not, the details thereof, including the steps taken against the defaulters; and

(e) the States which failed to furnish the account for such Central Funds from 1991-92 to 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER KUMAR ALAGH): (a) to (e) Scheme-wise assistance for State Plans has been discontinued from the Fourth Five Year Plan onwards. However, their are some Centrally Sponsored Schemes which are hundred per cent funded by the Central Ministries/Departments from their Budget. These Centrally Sponsored Schemes are formulated by the Central Ministries/Departments in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories and are implemented by the State Governments/Union Territories. These schemes are monitored by the administrative Ministries concerned. The Planning Commission does not have any direct role in their implementation. It, however, generally reviews the implementation of Plan Schemes during the Annual Plan discussions with the State Governments/Union Territories and Central Ministries/Departments.

Million wells Schemes in Gujarat

116. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Million Wells Schemes (MWS) for construction of drinking water and irrigation wells in rural areas in under implementation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many wells have been constructed so far under MWS in Gujarat, district-wise; and

(d) how many more wells are likely to be constructed during the remaining period of the 8th Five Year Plan in the State?